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TAGS: PINS, MOPS, ASEC, LE, US
SUBJECT: PSP CLAIM THAT LEBANESE FORCES ARE PLANNING
TO SHELL THE MARINES

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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. AMBASSADOR HAS JUST RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A MAN WHO WOULD IDENTIFY HIMSELF ONLY AS A "PSP OFFICIAL" AND WHO SAID HE WAS CALLING FROM WALID JUMBLATT'S HOUSE IN WEST BEIRUT. HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE PSP HAD INFORMATION THAT THE PHALANGE LEBANESE FORCES (LF) HAD GIVEN ORDERS TO THEIR BATTERIES IN THE MOUNTAINS TO SHELL THE MARINES IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE DRUZE WERE RESPONSIBLE.

3. CUMMENT: IN THE WAKE OF YESTERDAY'S SHELLING OF MAKINE POSITIONS AT THE AIRPURT, THE PSP ISSUED A STATEMENT ASSERTING THAT THE LEBANESE FORCES, NOT THE DRUZE, HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE. DILLON

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